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Honorable John D. Dingell Honorable Richard L. Ottinger House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Sirs:

Your letter to the President of May 15, 1978 has been referred to the Secretary of Energy and myself for response.

The Agency has a long standing rule of not publicly commenting on allegations concerning past or present operations. While there have been occasional exceptions to this rule, those exceptions are exceedingly few in number, and I am hopeful that you will understand the continuing need for official silence. I do, however, wish to advise you that the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence is kept fully and currently informed of our activities and you are, of course, free to consult with that Committee about any matters of concern to you.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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